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## Minutes – Dec. 2, 2014

### 1400 Broadway C209 Helena, MT

### Emergency Care Council

**The role of the ECC is to advise the EMSTS Section, DPHHS on issues related to:**

- Development of a comprehensive, data-driven emergency care system
- Implementation of information systems which support system evaluation and quality improvement
- Development of emergency care standards, benchmarks and guidelines
- Strategies which enable the Department to meet emergency care system development needs & national standards

**Present:** Trent Biggers, Eddie Amberg, Cindee McKee, Brian Gootkin, Rolyene Gaul, Don Whalen, Thomas Coble

**Conference line:** Charles Farmer, Joe Hansen, Lauri Jackson, Jason Mahoney

**Staff:** Jim DeTienne, Shari Graham, Robin Suzor, Alyssa Sexton, Carol Kussman

Subject	Discussion
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order and the minutes of the Aug.5th meeting were approved.
Updates	<p>There is still a need for an Urban Medical Director on the ECC. Don Whalen will ask Dr. Suess if she is interested.</p> <p>Mission Lifeline Montana update: Funding for 12-lead acquisition is on-going. Currently appx. 70 grant applications have been reviewed and 30 grants have been funded. AHA is sending funding letters now. Currently the grant is funding 12-lead capable equipment for transport agencies. Non-transporting agencies may be funded in future rounds.</p> <p>A chest pain protocol revision was recently approved by the BOME.</p> <p>A STEMI conference will be held February 20, 2015 in Bozeman at the Baxter Commons. Bob Page will present two workshops May on 12-lead acquisition and interpretation.</p> <p>Dr. Simpson is establishing a network of regional instructors to do training at the local agency level for those agencies who receive 12-lead equipment.</p> <p>Community Health EMS/MIH-CP town meetings have not occurred yet. Jim DeTienne discussed the need for pilot projects within the state. BOME requested a workgroup led by Harry Sibold look at the issue of CHEMS/MIH-CP and make recommendations to the board regarding gaps that may be filled.</p> <p>Discussion of LC617 which would add EMTs to the current legislation allowing retired physicians to make house calls and charge \$10. EMS needs to be more engaged in legislation. MEMSA needs to become more active in the EMS advocate roll.</p>



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### Updates Cont.

The Lucas "Cardiac Ready Community" project grant application will be submitted today. This is a three year grant that will fund 220 Lucas chest compression devices to EMS transporting and non-transporting agencies and some hospitals. This grant will also provide funding to establish "Cardiac Ready Communities" encouraging hands only CPR education for the general public, better identification of where AEDs are in our communities, dispatcher aided CPR, high performance CPR education for EMS and hospital care providers, and data collection to support evaluation of the program. EMSTS should have confirmation of the grant by the end of December.

There will be a future grant opportunity to fund "Simulation in Motion". This program provides mobile simulation labs so that simulation education can be taken to our rural EMS and hospital providers.

The biggest challenge for this grant opportunity is sustainability.

The Lions Club was offered as a possible future funding source.

### Workgroups

**LUCAS GRANT "Cardiac Ready Community" Workgroup:** EMSTS strategy is to include cardiac ready community into this grant request to include PI on accessing the EMS system, bystander CPR, AED programs, EMS high performance CPR and post resuscitative care.

This workgroup will hold its first meeting in January 2015 after funding has been confirmed.

**Workgroup members:** Lauri Jackson, Jason Mahoney, Sean Grabbe, Cindee McKee, Seana Borscheim, Kevin Lauer, Don Whalen, Roylene Gaul, Charles Farmer and Eileen Jensen.

**NEMSIS 3.0 Workgroup:** The National EMS Information System is upgrading over the next couple of years from version 2.2.6 to version 3.0. Not only is the EMSTS HIRMS system constructed on version 2.x, its programming is becoming outdated and more problematic. This workgroup will compare the NEMSIS 2.2.6 data set with the 3.0 data set and identify any gaps in the current data rules. We need to assess what data is important to Montana. This workgroup will become active in January 2015.

**Workgroup members:** Keith Raymond, Ed Amburg, Mel Holtz, William Farhat, Trent Biggers, Kris Long, Don Whalen, Fred Thomas.

**EMS SURVEY Workgroup:** EMSTS has received funding to conduct a system-wide survey to assist in determining the needs of Montana's EMS System. We anticipate four survey areas: ECP workforce; service manager; service medical direction and CAH interaction with local EMS. We will also include an assessment of EMSTS from the perspective of the ECP, service manager and medical director. Is EMSTS conducting the right work? Are there areas on which we should be focusing our attention?

A contractor will be hired to conduct the survey and provide the compiled data. The workgroup will work closely with the contractor to develop this survey. Bid applications are due by Dec. 19 and the contract will be awarded the first week of January 2015.

**Workgroup members:** Joe Hansen, T.C. Coble, Ed Amberg, Justin Grohs and Roylene Gaul.

Trent Biggers suggested transparency of results is key to survey participation.



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### Strategic Plan

Focus Area 1:  
"System  
Development  
and  
Implementation"

1.2.1 Need to work directly with the MSPOA to disseminate information about EMD and the importance of statewide use of EMD.

1.2.2 Montana Mutual Aid and Common Frequency Manual 2015 is now available on the PSSB web site:  
[http://pssb.mt.gov/content/docs/mutual\\_aid\\_manual/MA\\_Manual\\_2015\\_color\\_web.pdf](http://pssb.mt.gov/content/docs/mutual_aid_manual/MA_Manual_2015_color_web.pdf).  
Need to address strategies to broadly disseminate this information

Strategy Priority  
1.2 – Response  
and  
Transportation

1.2.3 Air-Medical – The Air Medical workgroup is active and will hold the next Webex session on Dec. 18. T.C. Coble brought up the need for discussion of weather turn down protocols. This issue needs to be addressed with facilities and air medical providers. Discussion of the need for new licensing requirements for air medical services within the State of Montana. This will be on the agenda for the next air medical workgroup. T.C. shared that some agencies do a fax blast when they have weather turnaround to advise all other flight services in the area of their weather turnaround.

1.2.4 Funding is now available for a statewide comprehensive assessment of Montana EMS. Invitation to bid for project will be sent out in early December 2014.

Strategic  
Priority 1.3 -  
Regionalized  
Systems of  
Care

1.3.1 STEMI system of care project is underway with the AHA Mission Lifeline program. Appx. 70 applications have been received and 30 grants have been awarded. There is a STEMI Conference scheduled for Feb. 20, 2015 at the Baxter Commons in Bozeman. Bob Page will be providing 12-lead acquisition and interpretation education in May 2015 in Missoula and Billings. These educational offerings are at no cost to the attendees.

1.3.2 Cardiac Ready system is parked pending funding. The grant application has been submitted and we should have confirmation of grant funding by the end of December 2014.  
A workgroup has been formed and will meet as soon as funding is confirmed.

1.3.3 We are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a four year grant for regionalization of pediatric care. The next meeting the workgroup is Dec. 5 in Helena. One of the identified strategies for the coming year is meeting with larger hospitals in the state to engage them in the regionalization process. Focus to this point has been on CAH and tribal facilities throughout Montana.

Focus Area 2:  
System  
Surveillance  
and Evaluation  
Strategic  
Priority 2.1 –  
Data and  
Evaluation

2.1.3 Josh Ledger continues to work on Pentaho reporting capability. He is mapping data so that old data will be available when we move to the NEMSIS 3.0 format. A timeline needs to be developed for change from NEMSIS 2.2 to NEMSIS version 3.

2.1.4 Facilitate an ECC data workgroup to plan continued development of the HIRMS prehospital data system, especially transition to the NEMSIS 3.0 data standard. A data workgroup has been identified and work will begin in January.

Strategic  
Priority 2.2 –  
System  
Surveillance  
and Evaluation

2.2.1 Parked pending development of the Pentaho reporting functionality.

2.2.2 Block grant funding for epidemiology and reporting has been confirmed. EMSTS is conducting interviews to fill the Injury Prevention Program Manager position.





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Focus Area 3:  
Strategic  
Priority -3.1  
Workforce  
Development

3.1.1 & 3.1.2 Funding has been approved for statewide survey in fall of 2014. Bid invitation will go out early December 2014.

3.1.4 Evaluate the Culture of Safety Agenda. An EMS Safety pilot course was provided to responders from across the State of Montana Nov. 13 in Billings. 46 students attended. The course was well received. Strategies for further dissemination of this material are needed.

3.1.6 Parked pending implementation of survey. AHEC grant may be possible funding source for workforce related issues.

Focus Area 4:  
Strategic  
Priority 4.1 -  
Medical  
Oversight

Funding for a statewide survey has been confirmed.

EBOLA Survey

A statewide survey on EBOLA preparedness was sent out to all EMS Agencies. Responses are still be collected. 156 agencies have responded. It is apparent that there is a need for further dissemination of information to ECPs throughout the State of Montana. The survey will assist EMSTS in identifying the gaps in preparedness. It was suggested that information could be sent through the Fire Service Training School daily newsletter.

An equipment waiver is needed for agencies that have vehicles set up specifically for transporting the known EBOLA patient with active signs and symptoms.

Roundtable

Brian Gootkin brought up the need for increased emergency medical training for law enforcement officers in the State of Montana. Currently this is not part of their basic training at the MLEA. Brian will have Kevin Olson from the MLEA contact EMSTS about possible courses available and strategies for future emergency medical education at the MLEA.

Jim DeTienne suggested that there needs to be more education and cooperation between law enforcement and EMS in active shooter response. Brian Gootkin advised that Leo Dutton currently leads a TAC on this subject.

Robin Suzor advised that the EMS for Children program has funding for education to include ENPC and EPC instructor development. There is a pediatric disaster training course scheduled for June 18 & 19, 2015 in Billings at the Burns Auditorium. Robin and Shari are also working with OPI to make EMS providers aware of educational opportunities in Youth Mental Health First Aid.

Next Meeting

March 3, 2015 – WebEx